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SUBJ: ROK - PAPUA NEW GUINEA RELATIONS

1. ON APRIL 28, ROK MINISTER HAN INFORMED DCM OF RECENT VISIT BY ROK AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA AND HIMSELF TO PORT MORESBY RE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE STATED THAT FORMAL COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING LATTER EVENT SHOULD BE ISSUED IN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK.

2. ROK HAD REQUESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSY WITH RESIDENT AMBASSADOR BUT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH ESTABLISH ANY EMBASSIES BEYOND PRESENT SEVEN IN ORDER AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN BIG POWER POLITICS. APPARENTLY PRC AND USSR HAVE BEEN PRESSING HARD AND, ACCORDING TO HAN, PNG FEEL THAT RELAXATION OF THEIR POSITION WILL MEAN ENTRY OF ALL TYPES OF EMBASSIES WITH CONCOMITANT PROBLEMS. IT IS PROBABLE THAT ROK AMBASSADOR JAKARTA WILL BE ACCREDITED TO PORT MORESBY.

3. MINISTER HAN WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR OLMSTEAD, WHICH HE STATED WERE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN FORMULATION ROK APPROACH TO PNG.

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